## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A medicine dropper for storing and dispensing liquids, comprising:
- a first portion, being resiliently compressible at a first end and being essentially rigid and hollow between the first end and a second end;
- a second portion being monolithically constructed and in fluid communication with the first portion, the second portion being essentially rigid and hollow between a third end and a fourth end; and
- a third portion, monolithically connected and in fluid communication with the second portion, the third portion being essentially rigid and hollow between a fifth end that tapers to a sixth end having an opening; and

wherein the first end includes an outer wall, and a thickness of the outer wall of the first end is less than a thickness of an outer wall of each of the second end and of the second and third portions.

- 2. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein the first portion has a first cross-section, the second portion has a second cross-section and the third portion has a third cross-section.
- 3. (Original) The dropper of Claim 2, wherein the first, second and third portions are essentially cylindrical in cross-section.
- 4. (Original) The dropper of Claim 2, wherein the first, second and third portions are essentially elliptical in cross-section.
- 5. (Original) The dropper of Claim 2, wherein the first, second and third portions are essentially rectangular in cross-section.
- 6. (Original) The dropper of Claim 2, wherein the first, second and third cross-sections are differently-dimensioned and descending in dimension from the first cross-section to the third cross-section.

- 7. (Original) The dropper of Claim 6, wherein the differently dimensioned cross-sections form at least one step at a junction between two portions.
- 8. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the portions includes written indicia thereon indicating liquid capacities and content levels of the dropper.
- 9. (Original) The dropper of Claim 8, wherein the at least one portion includes an outer surface, the outer surface having the written indicia.
  - 10. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein the first end is bulb-shaped.
- 11. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein the dropper is constructed monolithically.
  - 12. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein the dropper is blow molded.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The dropper of Claim 421, wherein the first end includes an outer wall, and a thickness of the outer wall of the first end is less than a thickness of an outer wall of each of the second end and of the second and third portions.
- 14. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein the first end includes at least one raised ridge on an outer surface.
- 15. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein the first end includes at least one indentation on an outer surface.
  - 16. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the portions is translucent.
  - 17. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein the dropper is disposable.
- 18. (Original) The dropper of Claim 1, wherein at least one dropper is inserted and sealed in a package.
  - 19. (Original) The dropper of Claim 18, wherein the package is a sealable bag.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The dropper of Claim 118, wherein the at least one dropper sealed in a package is a plurality of packaged droppers sealed in a package and the plurality of droppers sealed in a package are in a consolidated package.
  - 21. (New) A medicine dropper for storing and dispensing liquids, comprising:

a first portion, being resiliently compressible at a first end and being essentially rigid and hollow between the first end and a second end;

a second portion being monolithically connected and in fluid communication with the first portion, the second portion being essentially rigid and hollow between a third end and a fourth end;

a third portion, monolithically connected and in fluid communication with the second portion, the third portion being essentially rigid and hollow between a fifth end that tapers to a sixth end having an opening; and

wherein the dropper is a single monolithic unit.

22. (New) A medicine dropper for storing and dispensing liquids, comprising:

a first portion, being resiliently compressible at a first end and being essentially rigid and hollow between the first end and a second end;

a second portion being monolithically connected and in fluid communication with the first portion, the second portion being essentially rigid and hollow between a third end and a fourth end;

a third portion, monolithically connected and in fluid communication with the second portion, the third portion being essentially rigid and hollow between a fifth end that tapers to a sixth end having an opening; and

wherein the dropper is a blow-molded monolithic unit.